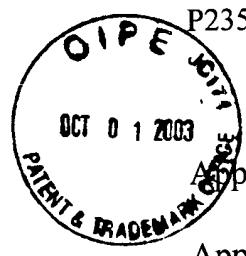


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For : SCANNING OPTICAL SYSTEM

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §1.97-1.98,

Applicants hereby call the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 6-160743, which was published on June 7, 1994, together with an English language translation of the same;

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 10-133131, which was published on May 22, 1998, together with an English language translation of the same;

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2001-33721, which was published on February 9, 2001, together with an English language translation of the same;

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2003-5113, which was published on January 8, 2003;

U.S. Patent No. 5,181,137 to KOIDE, which issued on January 19, 1993;

U.S. Patent No. 5,784,094 to OTA et al., which issued on July 21, 1998

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above materials and cite the patent documents. Copies of the above-noted documents are attached and have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to the Applicants with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Applicants also bring to the Examiner's attention the following copending and commonly assigned patent applications:

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/173,769 to TAKEUCHI et al., entitled "Scanning Optical System", which was filed on June 19, 2002;

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/173,613 to IIZUKA et al., entitled "Scanning Optical System", filed on June 19, 2002;

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/294,615 to TAKAKUBO, entitled "Scanning Optical System", filed on November 15, 2002; and

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/322,524 to TAKAKUBO, entitled "Scanning Optical System", filed on December 19, 2002.

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2)(iii), copies of the above-mentioned applications are attached hereto. However, the Examiner is also requested to review the file wrappers of these U.S. patent applications at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and the references of record, if any, cited therein.

Applicants note that an Office Action on the merits has not yet issued in the instant application, and thus, no fee is necessary to ensure consideration of this statement. However, if an Office Action has issued and is crossing in the mail with this statement, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 19-0089 any fee necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted materials.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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